HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine seizing the new opportunity for health care reform, after receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, University of Miami, Miami, Florida, and Tommy G. Thompson, Logistics Health, Inc., Washington, D.C., both former Secretaries of Health and Human Services.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON HOLOCAUST ERA INSURANCE CLAIMS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC), after receiving testimony from Anna B. Rubin, New York State Banking Department Holocaust Claims Processing Office, Roman Kent, American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Their Descendants, and Thane Rosenbaum, Fordham Law School, all of New York, New York; Jack Rubin, Holocaust Survivors of West Palm Beach, Boynton Beach, Florida; Lawrence S. Eagleburger, former Secretary of State and former Chairman, International Commission on Era Insurance Claims, Charlottesville, Virginia; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Covington and Burling LLP, former Special Representative of the

President and Secretary of State on Holocaust Issues, Washington, D.C.; and Samuel J. Dubbin, Dubbin and Kravetz, LLP, Miami, Florida.

FORECLOSURE CRISIS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine policing lenders and protecting homeowners, focusing on the current housing foreclosure crisis, after receiving testimony from Clifford J. White, III, Director, Executive Office for United States Trustees, Department of Justice; Steve Bailey, Countrywide Financial Corporation, Simi Valley, California; Debra Miller, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee, South Bend, Indiana; Katherine Porter, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City; and Robin Atchley, Ballground, Georgia.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael E. Leiter, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Robb, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 5970–5981; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 342; and H. Res. 1176–1177, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 1174, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5818) to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make loans to States to acquire foreclosed housing and to make grants to States for related costs (H. Rept. 110–621) and H. Res. 1175, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the pro-

duction of renewable energy and energy conservation (H. Rept. 110–622). Page H3108

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at noon.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 182 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 246.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Walsh (NY) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 152 yeas to 255 nays, Roll No. 245.

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Oath of Office—Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana: Representative-elect Don Cazayoux presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from the Honorable Jay Dardenne,

Secretary of State for the State of Louisiana, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held on May 3, 2008, the Honorable Don Cazayoux was elected Representative to Congress for the Sixth Congressional District, State of Louisiana.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Louisiana, Mr. Don Cazayoux, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433.

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Food and Energy Security Act of 2007—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Rejected the Ryan (WI) motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, by a yea-and-nay vote of 172 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 247. Consideration of the motion began on Thursday, May 1st.

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Subsequently, the House agreed to the Hastings (FL) motion to table the Walsh (NY) motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 248.

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Intent to Offer Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Cantor gave notice of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, Food and Energy Security Act of 2007. Page H3064

Suspensions: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Recognizing National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2008: H. Res. 1086, to recognize National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2008;

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Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2008: H.R. 4279, amended, to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws;

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Exempting the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility: H.R. 5690, amended, to exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events and to provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility; Pages H3078-83

Amending the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or two or more misdemeanors: H.R. 1512, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented

aliens charged with a felony or two or more misdemeanors;

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Facilitating the preservation of certain affordable housing dwelling units: H.R. 5937, to facilitate the preservation of certain affordable housing dwelling units; and

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Coin Modernization and Taxpayer Savings Act of 2008: H.R. 5512, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to prescribe the weights and the compositions of circulating coins. Pages H3096-99

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, May 5th:

Amending the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to United States territories for members of the Foreign Service: H.R. 3658, to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to United States territories for members of the Foreign Service, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 249; Pages H3085-86

The House further agreed to the Hastings (FL) motion to table the Rogers (KY) motion to reconsider the vote, by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 250.

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Condemning the Burmese regime's undemocratic constitution and scheduled referendum: H. Con. Res. 317, amended, to condemn the Burmese regime's undemocratic constitution and scheduled referendum, by a ²/₃ recorded vote of 413 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 251;

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The House further agreed to the Hastings (FL) motion to table the Rogers (KY) motion to reconsider the vote, by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 252.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Condemning the Burmese regime's undemocratic draft constitution and scheduled referendum.". Page H3087

Agreed that in the engrossment of the amendment to the title of H. Con. Res. 317, the Clerk be authorized to correct any error in spelling. Page H3087

Honoring the memory of Dith Pran by remembering his life's work and continuing to acknowledge and remember the victims of genocides that have taken place around the globe: H. Res. 1109, amended, to honor the memory of Dith Pran by remembering his life's work and continuing to acknowledge and remember the victims of genocides that have taken place around the globe, by a ²/₃ recorded vote of 413 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 253;

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The House further agreed to the Hastings (FL) motion to table the Rogers (KY) motion to reconsider the vote, by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 254.

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Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965: S. 2929, amended, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, by a ²/₃ recorded vote of 408 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 256;

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The House further agreed to the Hastings (FL) motion to table the Emerson motion to reconsider the vote, by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 257.

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Congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education: H. Res. 1168, amended, to congratulate charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education, by a ²/₃ recorded vote of 391 ayes to 2 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 263; and Pages H3100-01

The House further agreed to the Hastings (FL) motion to table the Carter motion to reconsider the vote, by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 264.

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Honoring the recipients of the El Dorado Promise scholarship: H. Res. 1155, amended, to honor the recipients of the El Dorado Promise scholarship, by a ²/₃ recorded vote of 390 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 265.

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The House further agreed to the Hastings (FL) motion to table the Tiahrt motion to reconsider the vote, by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 266.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Simpson motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 255.

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Food and Energy Security Act of 2007—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Rejected the Kind motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, by a yea-and-nay vote of 140 yeas to 274 nays, Roll No. 258. Consideration of the motion began on Thursday, May 1st.

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Subsequently, the House agreed to the Hastings (FL) motion to table the Latham motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 259.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Simpson motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 260.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Culberson motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 138 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 261.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Carter motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 149 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 262. Pages H3099–S3100

Food and Energy Security Act of 2007—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House began consideration of the Flake motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Motion to Adjourn: Agreed to the Pomeroy motion to adjourn by voice vote.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and seventeen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3060–61, H3061, H3063, H3063–64, H3085–86, H3086, H3087, H3087–88, H3088–89, H3089, H3089–90, H3090–91, H3091, H3091–92, H3092–93, H3093, H3096, H3099, H3100, H3100–01, H3101–02 and H3102. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL U.S. WORKER RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Do Federal Programs Ensure U.S. Workers Are Recruited First Before Employers Hire From Abroad? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Leon T. Sequeira, Assistant Secretary, Policy; and Williams L. Carlson, Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, Employment and Training Administration; and public witnesses.

RENEWABLE FUELS STANDARD

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "The Renewable Fuels Standard: Issues Implementation, and Opportunities." Testimony was heard from Representative Herseth Sandlin; Robert J. Meyers, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office for Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

INTERNET FREEDOM PRESERVATION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 5353, Internet Freedom Preservation Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.